

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Irrigation & C.A.D. Department – Allegation of acquisition of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income against Sri. Ch. Gal Reddy, Draughtsman Grade-I, Office of the Executive Engineer, Division No.III, G.V.C.II, Peddapally, Karimnagar district – Departmental action under rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991 – Initiated – Minor penalty of withholding one annual grade increment without cumulative effect – Awarded – Orders – Issued.

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IRRIGATION AND COMMAND AREA DEVELOPMENT (SER.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1253

Dated 14.11.2012.

Read the following:-

- 1) G.O.Rt.No.1212, Irrigation & C.A.D. (Ser.VI-1) Department, dated 28.08.2006.
- 2) From Sri. Ch. Gal Reddy, Draughtsman Grade-I, O/o. Executive Engineer, Division No.III, Pedakalvala Camp, Karimnagar district written statement of defence, dated 25.09.2006.
- 3) G.O.Rt.No.270, Irrigation & C.A.D. (Ser.VI-1) Department, dated 03.03.2008.
- 4) G.O.Rt.No.271, Irrigation & C.A.D. (Ser.VI-1) Department, dated 03.03.2008.
- 5) G.O.Rt.No.955, Irrigation & C.A.D. (Ser.VI-1) Department, dated 21.09.2011.
- 6) G.O.Rt.No.1221, Irrigation & C.A.D. (Ser.VI-1) Department, dated 07.12.2011.
- 7) From Sri. Lingaraj Panigrahi, I.A.S., Commissioner of Inquiries, G.A.D. D.O.Lr.No.377/COI.LP/2011-1, dated 09.04.2012.
- 8) Govt.Memo.No.22730/Ser.VI(1)/2003-42, dated 22.05.2012.
- 9) From Sri. Ch. Gal Reddy, Draughtsman Grade-I, representation, dated 09.07.2012.

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It has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Investigating Agency that Sri. Ch. Gal Reddy, Draughtsman Grade-I, Office of the Executive Engineer, Division-III of GVC-II, Peddakalwala Camp, Peddapally, Karimnagar district, had acquired assets disproportionate to his known sources of legal income by indulging in corrupt practices.

2. In the G.O. 1<sup>st</sup> read above, departmental proceedings under rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 have been initiated against Sri. Ch. Gal Reddy, Draughtsman Grade-I, Office of the Executive Engineer, Division No.III, G.V.C.II, Peddapally, Karimnagar district and the following articles of charges have been framed and communicated to him for submitting his written statement of defence:-

**Charge No.1:-** He acquired immovable and movable properties in his name and in the names of his family members without intimation and without obtaining previous sanction from the competent authority.

**Charge No.2:-** He has not submitted his Annual Property Statements to the competent authority throughout his service.

**Charge No.3:-** He invested an amount of Rs.75,000/- each in the name of his wife Smt. Ch. Rama and his son Sri. Ch. Ashok Reddy in M/s. Sapthagiri Sai Hi-pur Finance, Karimnagar without intimation to the competent authority.

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3. In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, Sri. Ch. Gal Reddy, Draughtsman Grade-I, Office of the Executive Engineer, Division No.III, Pedakalvala Camp, Karimnagar district has submitted his written statement of defence, denying the charges framed against him, and requested to drop charges framed against him.

4. In the G.O. 3<sup>rd</sup> read with G.O. 6<sup>th</sup> read above, orders were issued, appointing Sri. Lingaraj Panigrahi, I.A.S., Commissioner of Inquiries as Inquiring Authority in place of Sri. Janak Raj, I.P.S. (Retd.), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, to inquire into the charges framed against Sri. Ch. Gal Reddy, Draughtsman Grade-I.

5. In the G.O. 4<sup>th</sup> read with G.O. 5<sup>th</sup> read above, orders were issued, appointing Sri. M. Vara Prasada Rao, Advocate as Presenting Officer in place of Sri. A.S.R. Krishna Rao, Advocate, to present the case before the Inquiring Authority.

6. In the reference 7<sup>th</sup> read above, Sri. Lingaraj Panigrahi, I.A.S., Commissioner of Inquires, General Administration Department & the Inquiring Authority has furnished his Inquiry report, holding that the Charge-I, 2 and 3 against Sri. Ch. Gal Reddy, Draughtsman are not proved.

7. Government have examined the findings of the Inquiring Authority and it has been decided to deviate from the findings of the Inquiring Authority with the following factor:-

**“In all, three (3) charges were framed against the Accused Officer. The charges pertain to not obtaining prior permission of the Government for property transactions, and non-filing of Annual Property Returns. The Charged Officer himself accepted that he did not obtain prior permission from the competent authority for the purchase of a plot a Pocharam village. The Charged Officer also admitted that he did not submit the Annual Property Returns regularly. The findings of the Inquiring Authority in respect of Charge- I & Charge- III seems to be in order. But the Inquiring Authority held Charge-II relating to non-filing of Annual Property Returns as, “not proved”, based on the logic that there were several other employees in the Irrigation & CAD Department who did not similarly file their Annual Property Returns, and therefore pressing this charge against the Charged Officer in this case would be discriminatory. The above finding of the Inquiring Authority against Charge – II is not in order, as it amounted to the Inquiring Authority negating the charge based on his personal opinion, without paying heed to evidence”.**

Accordingly, while enclosing a copy of the report of the Inquiring Authority along with the above disagreement factors, Sri. Ch. Gal Reddy, Draughtsman Grade-I was directed to submit his representation, if any, for taking further action in the matter vide Memo. 8<sup>th</sup> read above.

8. In the reference 9<sup>th</sup> read above, Sri. Ch. Gal Reddy, Draughtsman Grade-I, Office of the Executive Engineer, Division No.III of GVC.IV, Peddapally, Karimnagar district has submitted representation, stating that none of the employees have submitted property statements. The findings of the Inquiring Authority reveal the actual position in the Department. He has, therefore, requested to accept the findings of the Inquiring Authority for Article of Charge No.II and drop further action against him.

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9. After careful examination of the matter, Government have observed that the Charged Officer has reiterated his earlier stand taken in his written statement of self defence as well as before the Inquiring Authority i.e. none of the employees in the Irrigation & C.A.D. Department have not submitted Annual Property Returns, which was also deposed by the Executive Engineer concerned before the Inquiring Authority. The Inquiring Authority held charge-II relates to non-filing of Annual Property Returns as “not proved”, stating that there were several other employees in the department who did not similarly file their Annual Property Returns and therefore pressing this charge against the C.O. in this case would be discriminatory. Therefore, Government have decided to impose a penalty of withholding one annual grade increment without cumulative effect on Sri. Ch. Gal Reddy, the then Draughtsman Grade-I, Office of the Executive Engineer, Division No.III, G.V.C.II, Peddapally, Karimnagar district and presently Draughtsman Grade-I, Office of the Executive Engineer, Division No.III of GVC.IV, Peddapally for not submitting the Annual Property Returns, without prejudice to the criminal case pending against him. Accordingly, Government hereby award the penalty of withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect on Sri. Ch. Gal Reddy, the then Draughtsman Grade-I, Office of the Executive Engineer, Division No.III, G.V.C.II, Peddapally, Karimnagar district and presently Draughtsman Grade-I, Office of the Executive Engineer, Division No.III of GVC.IV, Peddapally, without prejudice to the criminal case pending against him before the Hon’ble Court of Prl. Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases-cum-IV Additional Chief Judge, City Civil Court, Hyderabad vide C.C.No.33/2007..

10. The Engineer-in-Chief (A.W.), Irrigation & C.A.D. Department, Hyderabad shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

SHAILENDRA KUMAR JOSHI  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri. Ch. Gal Reddy, the then Draughtsman Grade-I, Office of the Executive Engineer, Division No.III, G.V.C.II, Peddapally, Karimnagar district and presently Draughtsman Grade-I, Office of the Executive Engineer, Division No.III of GVC.IV, Peddapally through Engineer-in-Chief (A.W.), Irrigation & C.A.D. Department, Hyderabad.

The Engineer-in-Chief (A.W.), Irrigation & C.A.D. Department, Hyderabad.

Copy to:-

The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad.

The Accountant General (A & E), Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER